

Minutes

TO: Human Services Committee

FROM: Beth Kerrigan, Chairperson

DATE: December 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Denise Hall, Ron Van Winkle, Helen Rubino-Turco,

The Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 6:30pm, in Town Hall, Room 312 to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Outdoor pool passes
The Committee discussed a proposal to change the way residents pay for outdoor pool passes. Instead of selling annual passes that allow a family to swim as many times as they wish, the proposal is to sell punch card passes at discounted rates with a fixed number of swims.
2. Rockledge Improvements
The Town is proposing to invest in the Rockledge Restaurant to create additional storage space for the restaurant that is being sought by the Town's Health Department and rehabilitate and expand the existing deck as it is in need of repair.
3. Westmoor Park donation
The Committee discussed the recent bequest from Susan Block to Westmoor Park.
4. Social Services manager
The Social Service Manager recently retired and a recruitment effort did not result in candidates that were acceptable to the Director. The position will be filled by an existing member of the department until a new recruitment process is undertaken later next year.
5. Organic fields maintenance
The Town will be changing over to an only organic treatment of two fields (Whiting Lane and Fernridge Park Fields) to determine if the organic applications can sustain those frequently used fields.
6. Other Human Service Issues
The Committee discussed a proposal by the little league to light a baseball field at the UConn site. The project is to be completely funded by the league. Public outreach is to begin after the 1st of the year with a possible public hearing before the Town Plan and Zoning Commission late winter or early spring.

The Committee discussed the recent petition about including public participation in any park improvements. The Committee also discussed the interest by a citizen to build a temporary ice rink for winter skating.

This Committee's next meeting will be January 14th at 5:30. Thereafter they will meet on the third Wednesday of the month, additional meetings may be held during budget season or as the need arises.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors